

B.A.R.G. NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Ballarat Amateur Radio Group. Inc. #6953T

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PRESIDENT: Gordon Cornell VK3FGC SECRETARY: John Kennedy VK3AIG TREASURER: Bob Terrill VK3BNC

NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

At 7.30 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The AGM has come and gone for 2003 and I thank members for allowing me to be president for this coming year. A new committee has been elected, but there is still a vacancy for a vice president and an ordinary member. The committee is looking for volunteers as I will not be standing next year. I believe that two years in a session is long enough for both the president and the club.

We can look forward to a busy year with new construction projects, the ARDF championships at the beginning of December, and some active contests.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

From this month's meeting, the main item of discussion was the ACA paper "A Review of Amateur Service Regulation". The discussion took up most of the evening and David VK3UR recorded our comments from which a paper is being prepared for presentation to the next Club meeting for discussion and/or amendment. This is then to be sent to the ACA & WIA after the public meeting to be convened by the ACA in Melbourne on Wednesday 8 October 2003. It is also suggested that the important points be presented to our Federal Member of Parliament.

DATES

7.30 pm. Note the new starting time for the Autumn/Winter period

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 7.30.

Ballarat HAMFEST date is the **first** Sunday in November (the weekend before the Melbourne Cup :as usual) **Sunday 2 November 2003.**

DONATED EQUIPMENT

Trevor Foster VK3GN has generously donated some books & equipment to the Club. This includes an oscilloscope, Swan transceiver and Geloso Transceiver. The club thanks Trevor for his generous donation.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

At the last club meeting it was announced that at this month's meeting, we would hold a trivia night. This may be postponed depending on the time taken to discuss the ACA review. But it will not be forgotten.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The next project for the construction group has started being a "screw driver aerial" under the guidance of Ian AXH. Night one saw the modification of the hand held screwdriver and the winding of the coils.

Minutes of BARG August General Meeting 2003

Apologies: VK3PAP, VK3AIG, VK3BNC, VK3KGL

Minutes of last meeting circulated and read VK3NBV, VK3BVI carried

Treasurers Report: Absent VK3FGC, VK3AXH carried

Correspondence: Club mags from FANPARC, Hervey Bay, Advice re Shepparton
Re hamfest Sept 14, QST and AR Mags, Advice from GME unable
To attend BARG Hamvention

Reports:

Technical: 70cm 9600baud link to Mt St Leonard not required and to be turned off. Replacement antenna for Ben
Nevis ordered, APRS licence issued and attached to VK3RBU VK3AXH
Western Zone: All going ok. VK3CIS
Club Net: Regulars attending each week VK3BVI
Publicity: Nil
Education: Contact was made by email re interested person – advice sent as yet no further response.
VK3AXH
Convention: Food arrangements in place but volunteers needed to collect monies and keep watch on supply. Public
address (PA) organized VK3AXH

General Business:

Congratulations to Stuart VK3ASH on his recent upgrade.

Motion put that a club register be established to include callsign, telephone numbers and email address to
simplify interclub communications VK3CMC, VK3DCS carried

A card to be sent to Norm and Val D'angri re the passing of Val's mother and a get well card to David McConnell after his recent operation

Badges required for VK3UR, VK3BNY, VK3NBV, VK3ASH

A response to the changes to the amateur service from the ACA to be formulated

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed: 8:45pm

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of BARG 29th August 2003

Minutes of 2002 AGM unavailable due to absence of Secretary

Apologies: VK3PAP, VK3AIG, VK3BNC, VK3KGL

Annual Report: Circulated together with financial statement –

Moved VK3FGC, VK3DCS Carried

The Chair was vacated by outgoing President VK3FGC and John VK3CFH presided over the election of the new officer bearers and committee.

Nominations were received for all positions except Vice President and one Members Representative

Elected Committee

President:	Gordon Cornell VK3FGC
Vice President:	Vacant
Secretary:	John Kennedy VK3AIG
Treasurer:	Bob Terrill VK3BNC

Ordinary Members:	Bob Pitcher VK3NBV
	David Tilson VK3UR
	Doug Raper VK3VBA
	Ian Lloyd VK3LYD
	John Hazeldine VK3CFH
	Vacant

Net Coordinator:	Clem Allen VK3BVI
Education Officer:	Tom George VK3DMK, Ian McDonald VK3AXH
Technical Officer:	Ian McDonald VK3AXH
Examination Officers:	Charlie Stewart VK3DCS, Craig McMillan VK3CMC
	Gordon Cornell VK3FGC, Ian McDonald VK3AXH
Awards Coordinator:	Vacant
Publicity Officer:	Doug Raper VK3VBA
WICEN:	Gordon Cornell VK3FGC
QSL Manager:	Michael Lomas
Amenities Committee:	Vacant
News Letter:	Gordon Cornell VK3FGC
Western Zone:	Ian VK3CIS

General business:

Motion to raise the annual membership fee to \$30 per annum with family membership remaining at \$40.
Moved VK3FGC to which the following amendment was added

“that persons joining after April 1st received free membership for the balance of the year provided they pay the current fee and any fee alteration for the following year that occurs at the annual AGM.” Moved VK3UR, VK3AXH Carried

Meeting Closed 8:10pm

ANNUAL FEES

From the above minutes you will see that the club intends to produce a Club Directory for members and as such a sheet for members details was handed out to be returned with this years subs. For those members not present a copy of the sheet is included with this news letter please fill it in and return ASAP. Please circle the Y or N letters clearly.

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Annual Subscription & Club Register Check

DATE _____

Name: _____

Call _____ **Y/N**

Address: _____ **Y/N**
Y/N

Phone Home _____

Town: _____ **Y/N**
Y/N

Phone Work _____

Post Code _____ **Y/N**
Y/N

e-mail _____

Subscription Paid (\$30.00) _____

If the Club decided to publish a Club Directory, are you willing to have the above information included? Yes/No. If there is any information you want excluded: please circle Yes/No (Y/N) on each entry above,

I'm on a committee

Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
which means that, from morning to night,
We attend and amend and contend and defend,
without a conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, we defer and demur
and reiterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda,
and consider a load of reports.
We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
and the points of procedure are fun.
But though various notions are brought up as motions,
there's terribly little gets done!
We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us.
What a shattering pity to end our committee
where else could we make such a fuss!

My thoughts

A Camel is a horse designed by a committee

This comes with the compliments of Craig VK3CMC

NEXT MEETING Friday 26 September 03 at 7.30 pm.

<u>REPEATERS</u>	VK3RBS	(Voice) 147.100	Mt. Ben Nevis
	VK3RBA	(Voice) 146.750	Mt. Buninyong
	VK3RPC	(Packet) 144.750	Mt. Warrenheip
	VK3RBU	(Voice) 438.475	Mt. Hollowback
<u>BEACON</u>	VK3RMB	432.535	Mt. Buninyong.

<u>CLUB NET</u>	VK3BML	3.610 MHz +/- QRM	Thursday nights at 8pm. (8.30 pm during daylight saving)
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PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: The Secretary BARG(inc.) Box 1261 Mail Centre BALLARAT 3354